



Winter 2014

New City Hall Construction is Underway

Construction for San Ramon's new City Hall is underway at Central Park off Bollinger Canyon Road. Construction started with site preparations in August and has proceeded diligently with site grading, underground utilities, foundation construction and steel framing. The structure began in late November with the steel frame scheduled to take final shape at the end of December.



City Hall will be a two story building, 44,300 square feet in area and will be the offices for the City Council, City Management, City Attorney, Administrative Services, Parks and Community Services and the City Council Chambers.

Construction is projected to be completed in early 2016 so watch for grand opening announcements late next year.

San Ramon Recycles Christmas Trees Three Ways

Choose one of the three convenient options below to recycle your Christmas tree:



1. Boy Scouts of America Annual Fundraiser

Tree Pickup Day is Saturday, January 3, 2015. For a donation of \$10, scouts will pick up your Christmas tree.

To schedule a pickup, visit www.SanRamonScouts.org; email trees@SanRamonScouts.org; or call (925) 587-TREE (8733)

2. Waste Management Yard Trimmings / Green Waste Cart

Cut tree into lengths that will easily fit into cart and allow lid to completely close. Place tree pieces into cart any time after holidays.

3. Special One-Time Tree Pickup Week of January 5, 2015

Set tree out on the curb for pickup by a special truck. Cut larger trees into lengths of 6 feet or less.

Trees with flocking, tinsel or tree stands: call Waste Management at (925) 837-3356 to arrange for collection at an additional pickup fee.

For more information on garbage and recycling, please visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/recycle/default.htm

Calling All Elementary School Artists for the Street Smarts Storybook Poster Contest!



Does your elementary school student like to draw? If so, they might be able to get their art published in the next Street Smarts storybook! Each year, San Ramon Valley Street Smarts challenges elementary school children to draw illustrations for a traffic safety storybook that will be distributed to thousands of local children. Eleven winning illustrations are featured in the final book, which is unveiled at a big awards ceremony each March at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center.

The 11th Annual Storybook Poster Contest, sponsored by Sunset Development Company, starts on January 7! Entry forms and contest information will be available in January at your elementary school's front office, the San Ramon Library, the San Ramon Community Center, and the Dougherty Station Library. *For more information, visit www.street-smarts.com or call 925-314-3382.*

Extra Holiday Garbage? Bag it!

If you have more garbage than will fit in your garbage cart, you can purchase "Bag-It" bags from the City. Place your extra garbage in the Bag-It bags, tie them off, and set them out on the curb next to your garbage cart on collection day. The \$7.00 each price of the specially-marked Bag-It bags includes the cost of the extra pick-up. Extra garbage that is set out beside your garbage cart in regular garbage bags will not be picked up. You can purchase Bag-It bags from the City of San Ramon offices, 2226 Camino Ramon, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule

There is no garbage, recycling or green waste pick-up on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. If your service day falls on or after the holiday, your pick-up will occur one day late. For example, if your regular service day is Thursday, your Christmas week pick-up will be on Friday, December 26. If your regular service day is Friday, your Christmas week pick-up will be on Saturday, December 27.

For more information on garbage and recycling, please visit: <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/recycle/default.htm>

Summer Employment Opportunities



The City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department will begin recruiting for summer jobs in early January, 2015.

Opportunities Include:

- Recreation Leaders I-II-Camps
- Lifeguards I-IV
- Senior Lifeguards
- Assistant/Pool Managers
- Office Assistant/Cashier

Lifeguard training classes are available, visit www.SanRamonRecGuide.com to register. Visit our website www.SanRamon.ca.gov in January, 2015 or call 925-973-2608 for more information. Testing and interviews will take place in March, 2015.

Park & Facilities Projects

As part of the City's preventative maintenance plan, the following projects have been completed or scheduled:

■ **Central Park:**

In September 2014, City staff installed four scoreboards on baseball fields 1-4, as part of the multi-year Central Park Restoration Project.



■ **San Ramon Olympic Pool:**

The sand filters for the Lap Pool & Children's Pool were replaced to aid in maintaining the pool water clarity. Water from the pool is filtered through the sand, which traps organic and inorganic material and other particulate matter.

■ **Shade Structures:**

The San Ramon Sports Park, Old Ranch Park, and Bark and Ride locations were selected as the first sites for installation of new shade structures. Vendors submitted design concepts, which were reviewed by the Parks Commission and City Council. The City will use \$80,000 of the proceeds from voter approved East Bay Regional Parks District Park Bond Measure WW to fund this project. The Commission will continue to evaluate park sites for replacing or adding shade structures over the next several years.

Construction will begin in mid-December, with full project completion by the end of March.

Richard Fahey Village Green and Old Ranch Playground Upgrades

The purpose of the ADA and Safety Regulations project is to retrofit playgrounds at various City parks, to provide access to playground facilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) safety regulations. Past retrofits have been completed at Twin Creeks, Country Club, Walt Disney, Red Willow, Athan Downs, and Central Park.

The Richard Fahey Village Green and Old Ranch playgrounds have been scheduled for retrofit this year. The City will use \$200,000 of

proceeds from the voter approved East Bay Regional Parks District Park Bond Measure WW to fund the cost of this project.

Neighborhood meetings were held on September 6, 2014 to get public input on the designs, budget, and project timeline. The designs were also presented to the Parks Commission for approval. Construction is anticipated to start in January 2015 and completed by April 2015.

WWW.SPARETHEAIR.ORG



The Winter Spare the Air program notifies residents when particulate matter levels are anticipated to be unhealthy. On these high pollution days, the Air District will issue a Winter Spare the Air Alert which prohibits wood burning throughout the Bay Area. From November 1 through the end of February, under the Air District's wood-burning regulation, when a Winter Spare the Air Alert has been called, burning wood, firelogs, pellets, or any other solid fuels in your fireplace, woodstove, or other wood-burning device is illegal.

Residents and businesses can call 1-877-4NO-BURN (1-877-466-2876) to check the Winter Spare the Air Alert status and to report wood smoke concerns in their area.

Residents can sign up to receive automatic phone alerts by calling 1-800-430-1515. Once you sign up, you will remain on the roster for subsequent Winter Spare the Air seasons.

Residents can also sign up for EnviroFlash AirAlerts to receive e-mail notification when Winter Spare the Air Alerts are issued. Once you sign up, you will remain on the roster for subsequent Winter Spare the Air seasons.

City Winter Preparations

Throughout the fall months, as part of the City's annual flood control/drainage winter preparations, City staff completed annual creek maintenance activities along Coyote Creek, Norris Creek, South San Ramon Creek, and sections of Oak Creek. In addition to clearing flood control channels and creeks, staff inspected and cleaned catch basin storm drain inlets to minimize clogging during heavy rains.

Public Services Department crews also performed the following winter preparation tasks:

- Clearing of obstructions in creek waterways
- Removal of large grasses and tules



- Litter abatement
- Clearing vegetation from water quality control ponds, detention basins, and bioswales in the Dougherty Valley

Performing these services provides a clear passageway for winter rains, minimizing the potential for creek flooding while protecting wildlife.

Sandbag stations (including both sand and bags) have been staged at Central Park, Athan Downs and San Ramon Sports Park for San Ramon residents and businesses. More information is posted on the City website at www.sanramon.ca.gov/general/storm.htm. The sandbags are provided, however, you should come prepared with a shovel to fill the sandbags.

In addition, the Public Services Department has an Emergency Standby Team that is on call 24-7 that provides assistance throughout the year.

Holiday Safety Tips

Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody – except criminals!

If you are traveling:

- Get an automatic timer for your lights (interior and exterior).
- Ask a neighbor or friend to watch your home.
- Don't forget to have the mail and newspaper delivery stopped.
- Call the Police Department to request vacation home checks 973-2700.

If you are out for the evening:

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone is home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

If you are shopping:

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Park in well lighted areas.
- Remember to lock your vehicle and place all valuables out of sight.
- Take your keys out prior to entering the parking lot
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a debit or credit card.
- Remember to close your purse and carry it close to your body; men try to carry your wallet in the front pocket
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard if they get separated.



Limerick Park Vandalism – Playground Replacement



On August 14, 2014, vandals set fire to the playground equipment at Limerick Park, completely destroying the majority of the structure and contaminating the fibar playground cover. The incident was documented by the San Ramon Police Department.

City staff immediately obtained a quote from our playground vendor, for removal of the damaged equipment, and furnishing and installing new equipment. City staff worked with our playground contractor and all of the equipment was replaced on October 6, 2014. The playground has since been re-opened.

San Ramon Government 101 is BACK!



The San Ramon City Clerk's Department will host the 7th session of San Ramon Government 101 in the spring of 2015. The class goal is to enhance understanding of local government and departmental functions and encourage participation in the City's various Committees and Commissions.

The class will be presented on six consecutive Mondays starting on February 23, 2015. Sessions will be held in various City facilities based on the presenting department. There will be a formal recognition of class participants at the Tuesday, April 14, 2015 City Council meeting.

CLASS TOPIC	CLASS DATE
Introduction/Overview of City Organization <i>(City Clerk/City Attorney/City Manager)</i>	Monday - February 23, 2015
Tour City Facilities	Saturday - February 28, 2015 Meet at 8:30 a.m. Tour - 9:00 am to Noon
Finance/Parks	Monday - March 2, 2015 San Ramon City Hall 2226 Camino Ramon
Police Services	Monday - March 9, 2015 Police Department 2401 Crow Canyon Road
Public Services	Monday - March 16, 2015 Service Center 5000 Crow Canyon Road
Planning/Building/Transportation	Monday - March 23, 2015 Planning Department 2401 Crow Canyon Road
Engineering	Monday - March 30, 2015 Engineering Department 2401 Crow Canyon Road
Recognition at City Council Meeting	Tuesday - April 14, 2015

The class is free but space is limited. Registration information is available in the Winter Recreation Guide. Contact the City Clerk's office at 925-973-2538 for additional information.

Leaf Season is Upon Us

Keeping San Ramon's streets clean is a big job for the street sweepers, and never more so than in the fall and winter months when trees shed their leaves. Street sweepers provide for the removal of naturally occurring dirt and leaf accumulation to promote efficient drainage and avoid accumulation of water. Large concentrated piles of yard waste cause the sweeper to clog and break down which interrupts the sweeping schedule. Also, leaves collected and piled in gutters can hide larger objects such as rocks, large twigs, and bricks that damage sweepers. As a result, sweepers bypass large mounds of debris.

Sweeper operators sweep residential areas twice a month and arterial roadways once a week. Leaves

on your property should be placed in the appropriate green waste container for pick-up or be used for composting. Please do not blow or sweep leaves into the gutter line which can block the flow of water and cause drainage issues. Remember that raking leaves into the street is considered illegal dumping. Visit our City website to check your scheduled sweeping day and learn more about the City's maintenance operations. www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/drainage.htm





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SAN RAMON EVENTS

DECEMBER 2014

San Ramon Symphonic Band - Home for the Holidays*

December 19
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Bay Area Children's Theater Presents: James and the Giant Peach*

December 20-21
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

JANUARY 2015

First Friday Foreign Film Series - The Owl & the Sparrow*

January 2
 Front Row Theater

Monkey See, Monkey Do, Family Friendly Improv*

January 18
 Front Row Theater

Hotel California*

January 23
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



Bedtime Theater featuring AndyZ*

January 30
 Front Row Theater

FEBRUARY 2015

First Friday Foreign Film Series - Monsieur Lazhar*

February 6
 Front Row Theater

Family Foreign Film Series - Ernest and Celestine*

February 14
 Front Row Theater

Night at the Improv*

February 21
 Front Row Theater

San Ramon Community Theatre Presents: Love Letters

February 13 - 15
 Front Row Theater

San Ramon Youth Symphony

February 23
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Recycled Percussion*

February 28
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



MARCH 2015

First Friday Foreign Film Series - The Rocket*

March 6
 Front Row Theater

Family Foreign Film Series - Tales of the Night*

March 7
 Front Row Theater

Teen Job Fair

March 7
 Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton

San Ramon Community Fair

March 10
 Dougherty Valley High School

San Ramon Community Chorus - St. Patrick's Day Concert

March 13
 Front Row Theater

Night at the Improv*

March 20
 Front Row Theater

Sing-A-Long Grease*

March 20
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Lady K & the Kings of Swing*

March 21
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Thank You San Ramon: Walk With Your Stroller

March 27
 Central Park

Gentleman's Rule*

March 27
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Parks Make Life Better Park Clean-up Day

March 28
 Forest Home Farms

Contact Information

City Council

- Bill Clarkson, *Mayor*
- Philip G. O'Loane, *Vice Mayor*
- David E. Hudson, *Councilmember*
- Scott Perkins, *Councilmember*
- Harry Sachs, *Councilmember*
- City Council 973-2530
- City Manager 973-2530

Department Services

- Building 973-2580
- Business License 973-2510
- City Clerk 973-2539
- Economic Development 973-2554
- Employee Services 973-2523
- Engineering 973-2670
- Passport Services 973-2539
- Parks & Community Services 973-3200
- Planning 973-2560
- Police 973-2700
- Public Services 973-2800
- Transportation 973-2650

Facilities

- Alcosta Senior & Community Center 973-3250
- Dougherty Station Community Center 973-3200
- Dougherty Station Library 973-3380
- Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center 973-3335
- Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center.. 973-3343
- Permit Center..... 973-2574
- San Ramon Community Ctr & Central Park.. 973-3200
- San Ramon Library 973-2850
- San Ramon Olympic Pool 973-3240

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For more information about these upcoming events visit: www.SanRamon.ca.gov or call 925-973-3200
 *Ticket or registration fee required